

The Missouri Republican reporter has learned from Henry Maury, of St. Louis, that John Wilkes Booth is still alive, and an inhabitant of one of the Pelew Islands, a small group in the Indian ocean, about ten degrees north of the equator. Maury's informant said of himself:

My name, said the narrator, is Carroll Jackson Donelson, and I am a blood relative of Andrew Jackson Donelson, who died recently at Memphis, Tenn., at the age of 80 years. I have been now on the island for the purpose of settling the estate of my father, who was a captain in the Eighth Texas Cavalry, known as Terry's Rangers, and was at Terry's side when he fell on the banks of the Green river, in a charge upon Wilkes's Germans. At the close of the struggle I returned to the sea, and in 1865 found myself in San Francisco. Then I shipped on board the ship Kate Houston, for which I was engaged as a passenger, thirty Chinese women, bound for Shanghai.

After detailing several incidents in his career, the narrator comes in sight of the Pelew Islands, and continues:

Knowing from the natives that the occupants of the tents were white men, we pushed boldly forward, and came upon the occupants unawares to their occupants. Five men and one woman met our appearance from around the tents. The first one that advanced toward me and extended his hand was J. Wilkes Booth. There was no mistake as to his identity, as I had been an intimate friend of his in Missouri country, a year before. He directed my men where water could be procured, and then entered into a confidential conversation with me, asking that I should not reveal his name to my men, nor to any one else, a person who would not believe you if you were to say that J. Wilkes Booth lives. I have lost my identity among living men. A great government has killed me, paid its reward, and I live a new and original existence.

His conversation with me was long and earnest, he stating that but one person in his party knew that he was Booth, and that was the female who accompanied him.

"And she," he said, "is my wife."

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While in Shanghai, which has three divisions or settlements of foreigners—Americans, French and English—his old passion for the stage returning, he and several English and American officers and residents, with the countenance of Ward, organized a dramatic club, and Booth being the leading spirit, was cast in the character of Richard, in the play of "Richard the III." All were astonished at the grand and noble manner in which he acted throughout the performance, until the little scene where Richard and Richmond fight with such terrific energy, when astonishment gave way to a wild storm of applause, and high over the tumult came the ominous words: "Booth! Booth!" meaning, very likely, the elder Booth. The name, situation, and the startling words, so piercingly distinct, caused him to be forgetful of his part. Perhaps the realization of the burning fate with which his name was heralded throughout the world, caused him to raise his sword and glare like a tiger at the audience. The excitement proved too much for him, and the curtain fell upon an unfinished play with a living Richard.

RE-STARTED ABOUT AGAIN.

Ward waited upon Booth the next day and informed him that a lurcher and crew awaited him. No explanations were given, and he set sail for the Carolina Islands as a temporary place of abode; for the land was too hot for him, and he caused him to put into Pelew Islands, where I found him. On leaving Booth, he gave me a token which he said his brother Edwin would recognize.

My departure from the island was hurried by the booming of a gun from our ship, warning us that a breeze had sprung up. I did not reveal the secret of having met him until the expiration of the year, and when it was told, it gained no credence, and was treated as the invention of a seafaring man. After the event on the Pelew Islands, while on the coast of New Guinea, I learned from Americans that the lurcher described had been sighted on that coast. This is the last I heard of Booth.

The token spoken of by Donelson was produced for Maury's inspection and was a heavy gold medal, heavier than a Mexican silver dollar, bearing appropriate inscriptions, having been presented by the citizens of New York to Booth's father, years before the famous actor's death, and while he was at the apex of his histrionic greatness. Mr. Maury remarks that he knows that while many people are of the opinion that J. Wilkes Booth still lives, the majority taking the accounts of his capture and final death as conclusive evidence, where he was killed on the farm by Boston Corbett. Nevertheless, he says, when evidence of this character and weight is brought to light, and from a source so respectable, it is sufficient to destroy almost the firmest belief in the public's story, while others are picking up those chains and riveting them on the limbs of white men; beyond which is a party of men with carpet-bags which they are filling with plunder from

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